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This children's book tells the story of Jimmie Boogie's experience when he is offered cigarettes by two other boys on the playground at his school. His older sister, Suzzie, interrupts the interaction and explains to Jimmie that smoking is addictive. Their conversation causes Jimmie to think about smoking, and he decides that it is something he does not want to do. This book can be used in the classroom and other settings in order to teach children about the dangers of smoking. It can be especially useful for parents or other family members who want to discuss smoking with young children. Four questions are provided to initiate discussion. The questions are: (1) What would you do if someone asked you to smoke a cigarette? (2) Do you know what an addiction is? (3) How can you keep from becoming addicted to cigarettes? (4) Does a person look cool when they're smoking cigarettes? (MKA)

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Jimmie Boogie was a young boy who lived in a quiet town named Smalltown. There were lots of other children in his neighborhood. Some of the kids were older, some were younger, and some the same age as Jimmie. The house his family lived in was only one block away from where Jimmie went to school.
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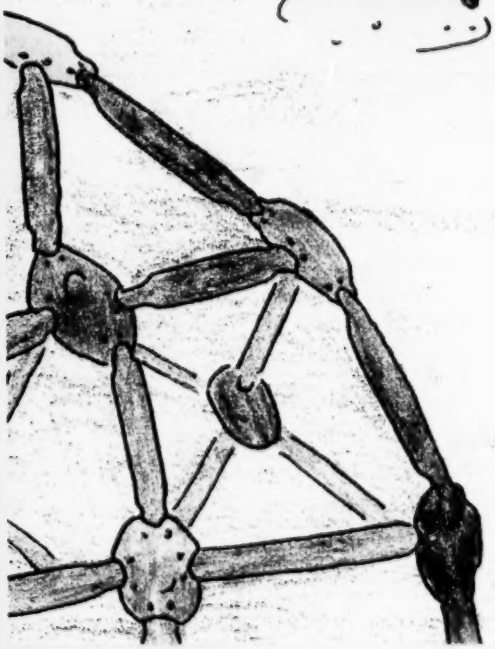
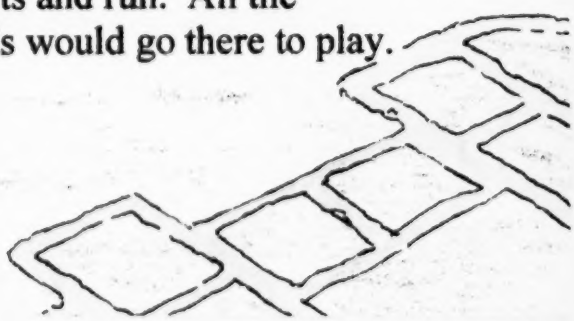


There were lots of fun things to do in the school playground. There were swings, slides, a great big jungle gym, and plenty of room to play sports and run. All the neighborhood kids would go there to play.





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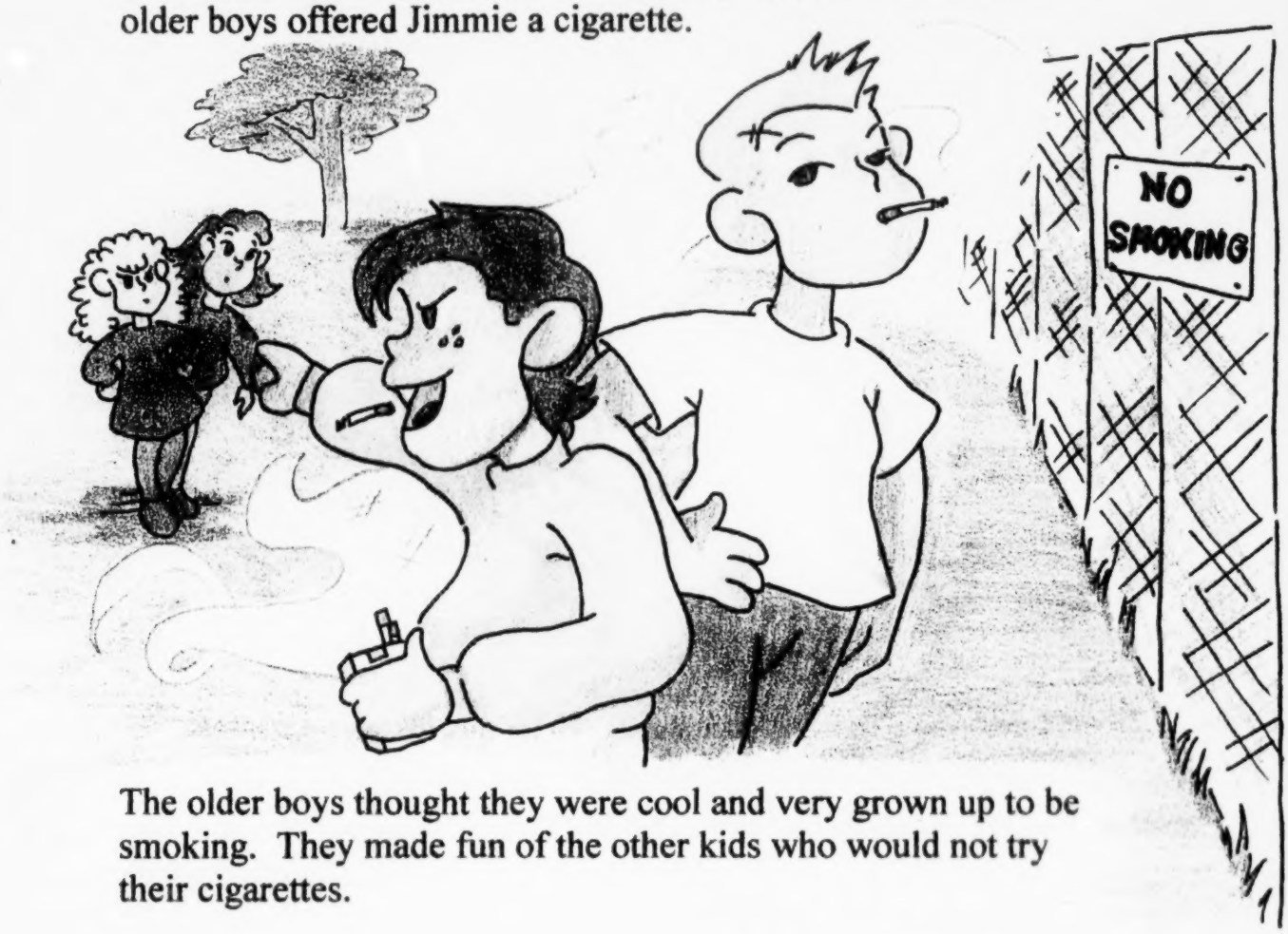
One day, Jimmie Boogie, his older sister Suzzie Boogie, and their friends were playing at the school playground when two older boys offered Jimmie a cigarette.




The older boys thought they were cool and very grown up to be smoking. They made fun of the other kids who would not try their cigarettes.



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Jimmie thought he was brave and he wanted to be cool so he reached for the cigarette. Just then, from across the playground, his sister Suzzie yelled "NO!" Jimmie was so startled he dropped the smoking cigarette.



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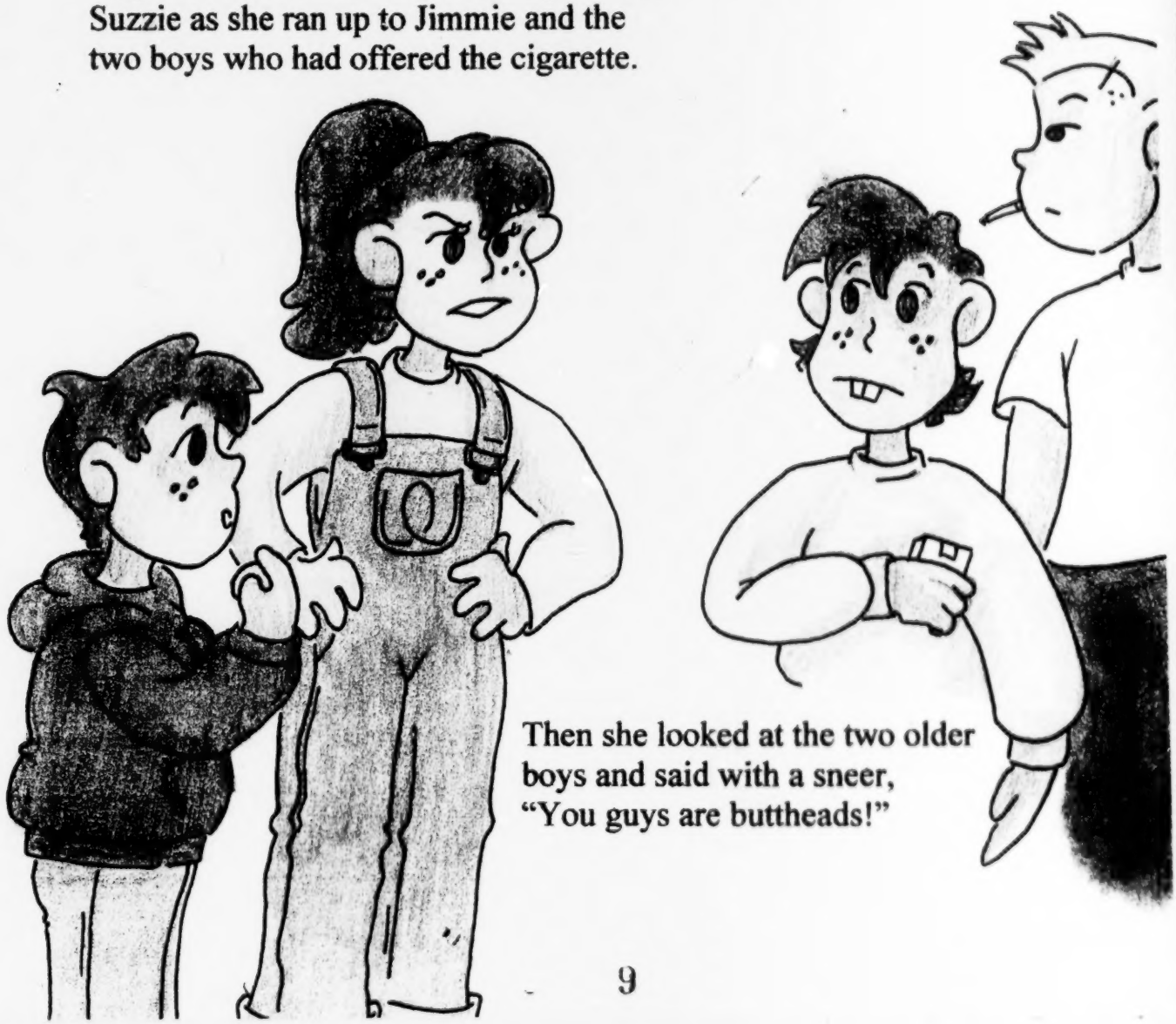
"Cigarettes are what killed Grandpa," said Suzzie as she ran up to Jimmie and the two boys who had offered the cigarette.



Then she looked at the two older boys and said with a sneer, "You guys are buttheads!"



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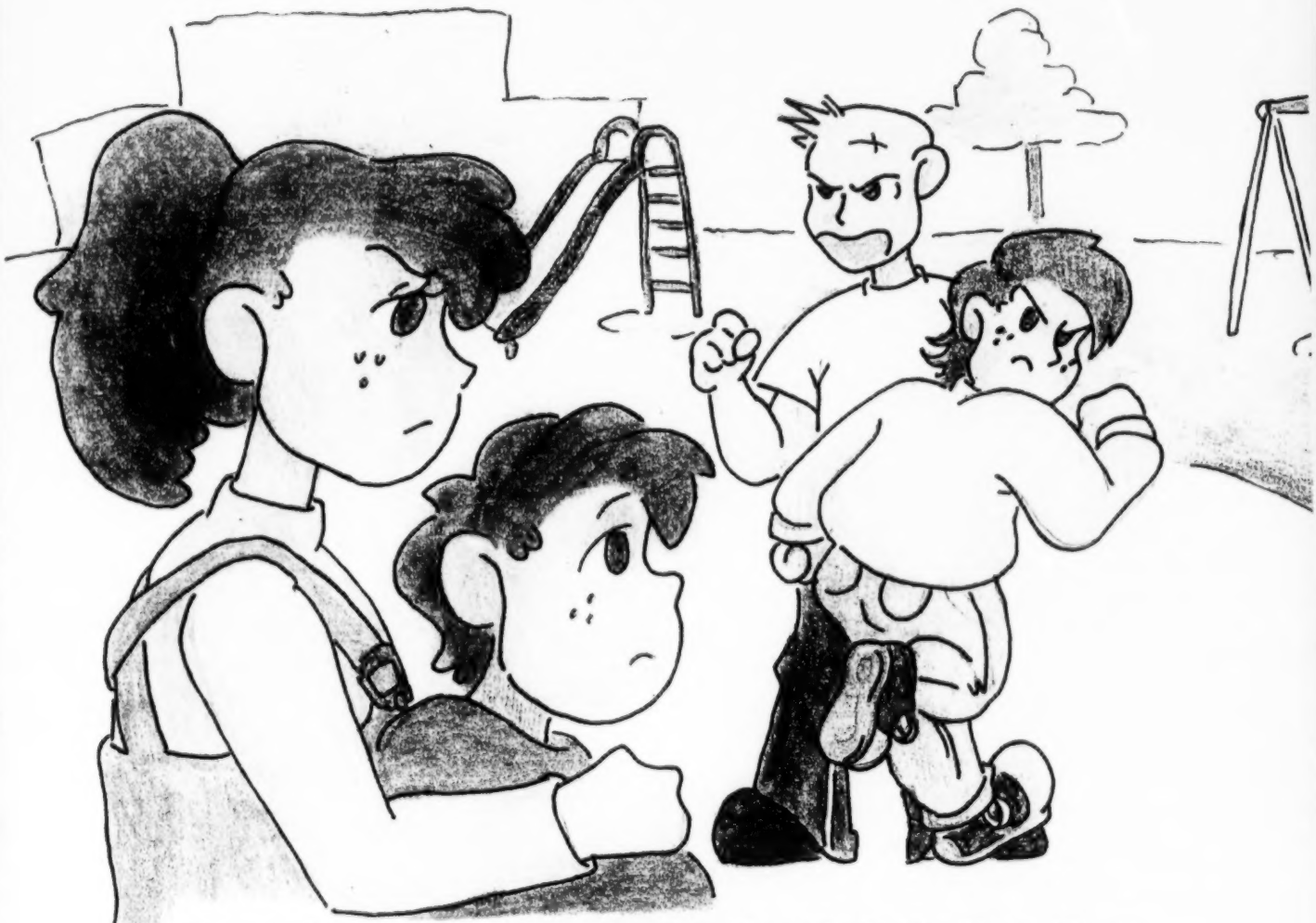

The two boys were younger than Suzzie and afraid of her. They ran out of the schoolyard and started calling the other children names and pretending to be brave.



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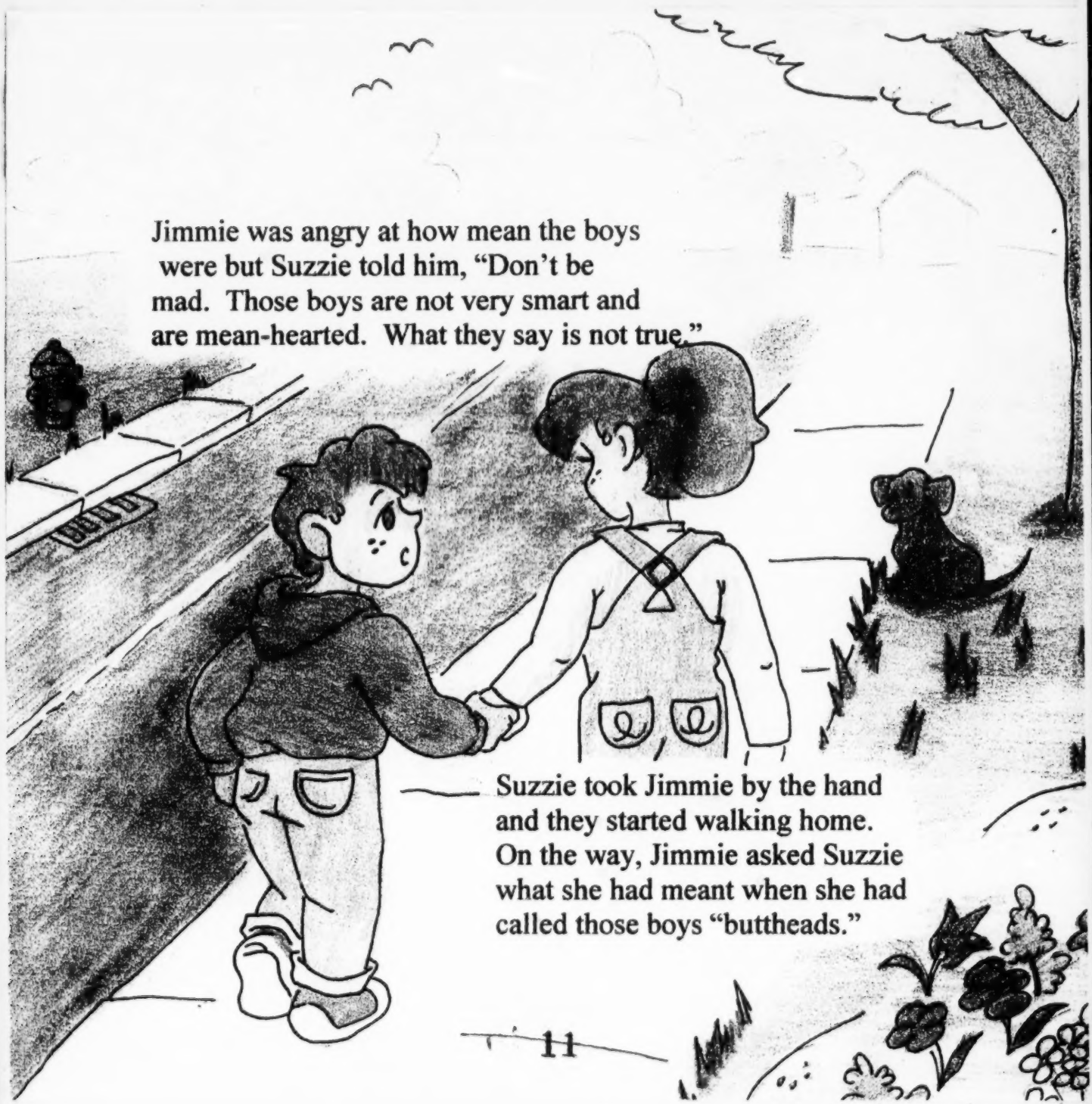
Jimmie was angry at how mean the boys were but Suzzie told him, "Don't be mad. Those boys are not very smart and are mean-hearted. What they say is not true."
Suzzie took Jimmie by the hand and they started walking home. On the way, Jimmie asked Suzzie what she had meant when she had called those boys "buttheads."



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Giggling at her remark she said, "Don't you get it? Cigarette butt---Butthead?"

"Oh," said Jimme. "I get it now," and he laughed.

Suzzie went on to explain how their Grandpa became addicted to cigarettes and how it destroyed his lungs. Later Grandpa had become very ill and died in the hospital.



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Jimmie asked, "What does "addiction" mean?"

"It means that once a person starts smoking, they like it so much they can't stop, even if they know it will hurt them in the future," replied Suzzie. "That's why cigarettes are so dangerous. You may think cigarettes make you feel cool and good, but really they are killing you."



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"That sounds scary!" said Jimmie. "I never want to have an addiction!"
"I'm proud of you, little brother," said Suzzie. "You really are brave."



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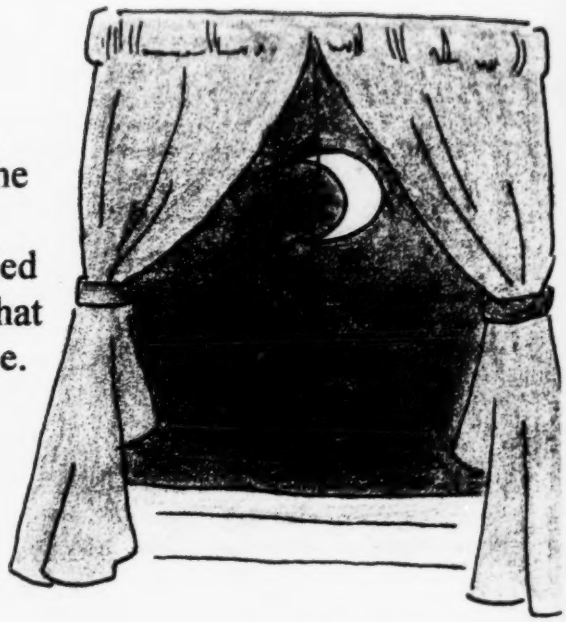
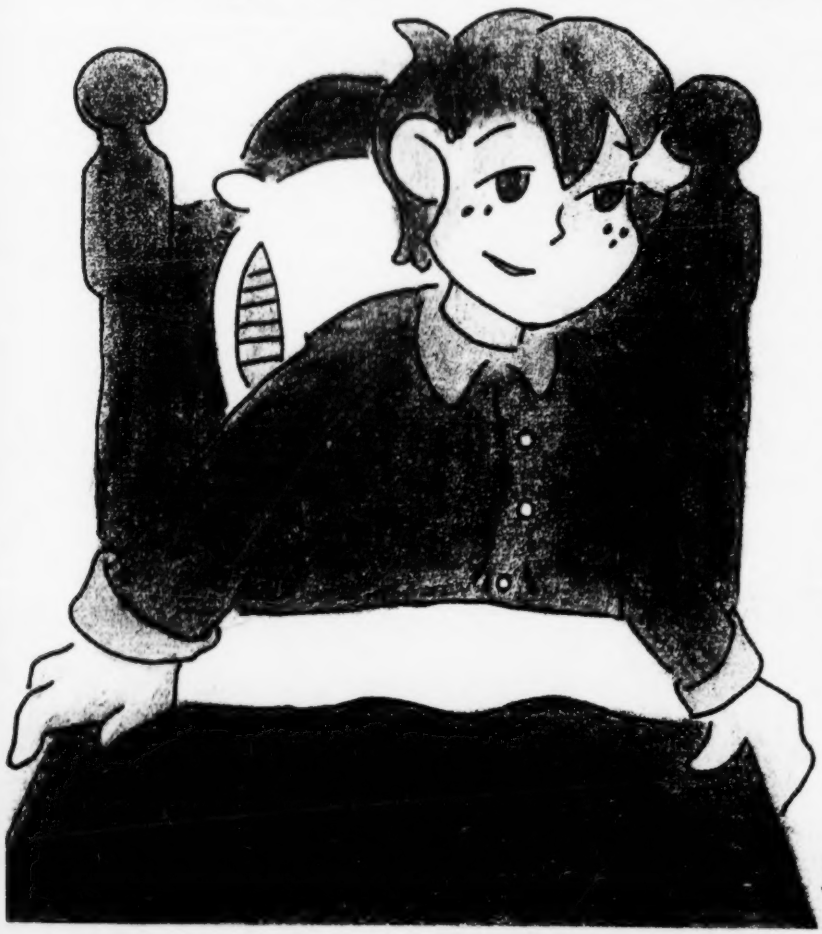
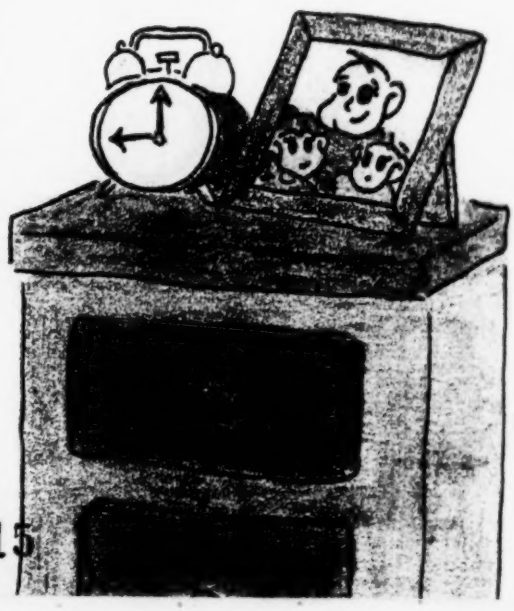
That night in bed, Jimmie thought how he would not want to become addicted to cigarettes. He was sad that Grandpa had died because of his addiction. Jimmie thought that being a "butthead" was the worst thing to be.











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# Q and A

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**Do you know what an addiction is?**

**How can you keep from becoming addicted to cigarettes?**

**Does a person look cool when they're smoking cigarettes?**

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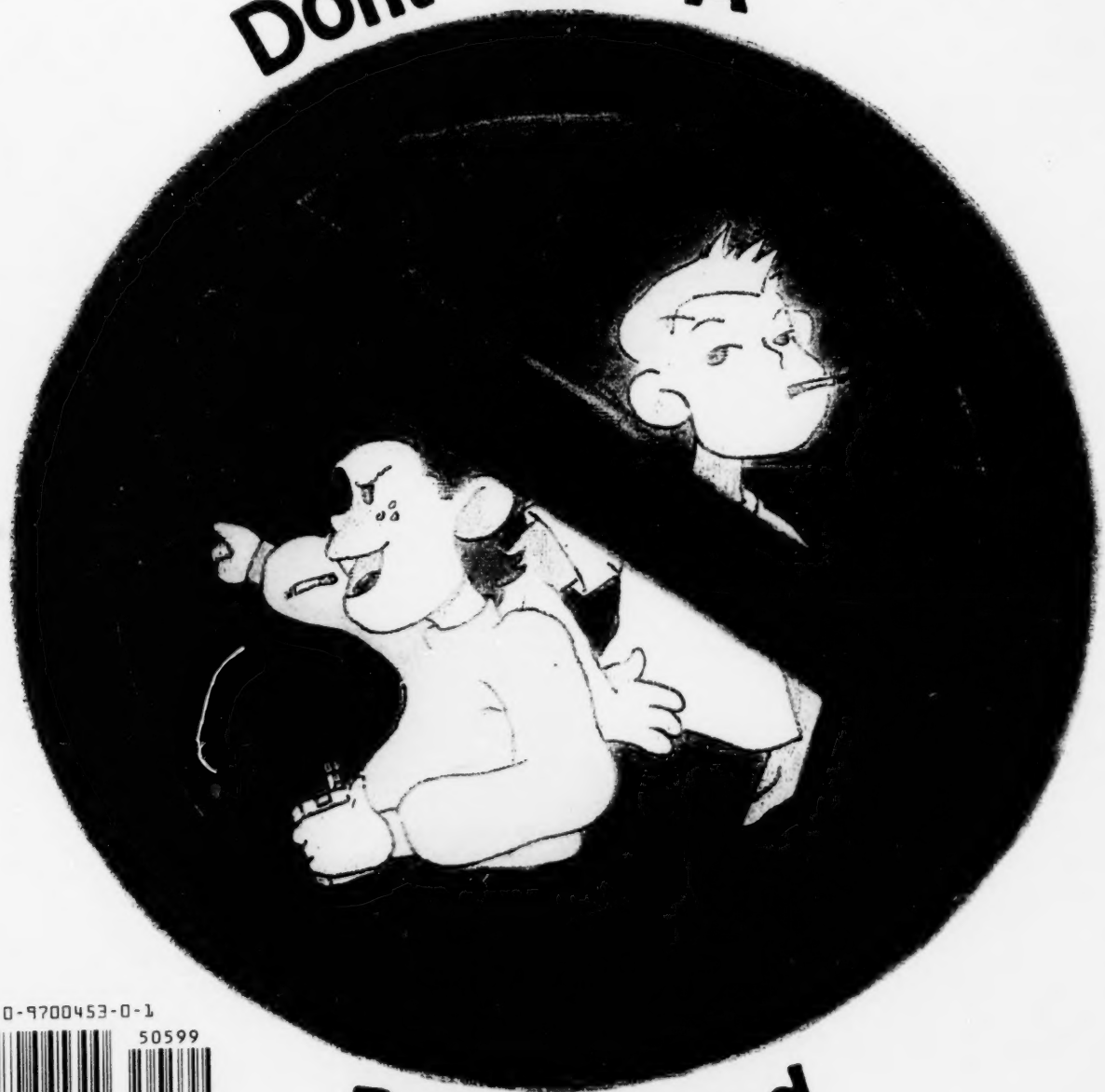

# Butthead

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